Transformation in MTNL/BSNL

907. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL and BSNL are unable to match the state-of-the-art service provided by private players in wireless telecommunication, thereby fast losing the ground to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof with comparative figures for the last three years;

(c) whether while third generation mobile phones and innovative add-on services are the norm with the private telecom players, MTNL still dispenses lack-luster service and first generation CDMA phones to its 'Garuda' customers; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to bring about attitudinal transformation in MTNL and BSNL so that their adoptability keeps pace with the technological trends?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

E-Governance common service centres in villages

908. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to set up e-governance common service centres in one lakh villages by next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of the proposal;

(c) the scope of services being planned to be offered through these centres; and

(d) whether these centres would have any adverse impact on employees of traditional Government offices situated in local levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD) (a) and (b) Department of Information Technology (DIT) is working on a plan to establish